

Fire Island

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Fire Island National Seashore
Long Island, New York



Wilderness Weekend—September 2014

Wilderness – It's Closer Than You Think!

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act by visiting the wilderness in your backyard – Fire Island National Seashore's Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness.

The Seashore has exhibits and events planned throughout the year that highlight the Fire Island Wilderness, but with the September 3rd anniversary of the Wilderness Act of 1964, the Seashore has designated Saturday, September 6 through Sunday, September 7 as "Wilderness Weekend." Join us for the following events:

Songs of Wilderness

Wednesdays–Sundays

September 6–October 13

Wilderness Visitor Center

The barrier island wilderness – its undulating dunes, lush backdune thicket, and dynamic breach – has inspired mixed media artist David Adams "Songs of Wilderness" exhibit. The artist presents creative spin art superimposed on drift wood and other objects cast upon the shore, as well as sketches and paintings in celebration of Fire Island's own wilderness and wilderness areas across the country.

Watch Hill

to Wilderness Ramble

Saturday, September 6

11 am–12:30 pm

Watch Hill Dune Station

Wilderness enthusiasts and beach lovers can join this 2-mile guided round-trip hike from Watch Hill to Long Cove. Once the site of the former residential community and United States Coast Guard Station, Long Cove is the western boundary of the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness. Journey over sand and through time as you explore the human history of this wild landscape.

Leave No Trace Workshop

Saturday, September 6

2 pm–4 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center

The Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness is one of 758 wilderness areas within the National Wilderness Preservation System, areas "affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable." Explore the concept of Leave No Trace and learn how you can enjoy solitude and recreation in wilderness without leaving an imprint. Dress for the outdoors. All ages are welcome.

Junior Ranger

Wilderness Explorer

Sunday, September 7

Noon–1:30 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center

It's a birthday party for the Wilderness Act and kids ages 8 to 12 are invited! Learn about wild landscapes from coast to coast and about New York State's only federally designated wilderness area, Fire Island's very own Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness. After a short indoor discussion, there will be outdoor activities and a walk into the

wilds of the wilderness. Dress appropriately for weather and be prepared to walk on sand.

A Walk in Wilderness

Sunday, September 7

2:30 pm–4 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center

Join Fire Island National Seashore's Chief of Natural Resources Management Michael Bilecki for a short walk into the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness. Along the way, explore the meaning of wilderness, and how Fire Island's wilderness character is monitored and managed. (1-mile round trip)



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